



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes:	Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board November 7, 2016
Location:	Charles City Social Services Bldg. 10600 Courthouse Rd. Charles City, VA 23030
Members Present:	Byron M. Adkins Jimmy Burrell David Coe Judge Colleen Killilea Adam Kinsman John Kuplinski, Chair Joe McLaughlin Charles Moss, Vice Chair Virginia Munoz Jenny Pauls Steven Reandean Brad Rinehimer Mike Scheitle Dave Sloggie Andrew Trivette Rob Tyler
Members Absent:	Judge Wade Bowie Susan Bruno Bill Coad Chad Green Judge Mike McGinty Ron Montgomery Shawn Overbey Kelly Waddell
Staff:	Hal Diggs, Director CCC Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner Jessica Bolton, CCC Administrative Coordinator
Guests:	Tony Dallman, Maj. JCC-PD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chair Kuplinski.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Administrative Coordinator Bolton advised that a quorum was present and the Chair declared this a legal meeting.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chair Kuplinski welcomed Elizabeth Ameling and her Executive Assistant Lauren from Latisha's House Foundation. Elizabeth provided some background on sex trafficking worldwide, nationally, and locally as well as specific information about the efforts of Latisha's House in combatting the problem. She mentioned several websites that post escorts for the localities in the Colonial Region and noted that at some teen parties, aim to drug partygoers and photograph them to extort them afterward for sexual exploitation. She also noted that her organization has had 50-60 referrals by Colonial law enforcement agencies in the 2 ½ years that they have been here. They are able to claim an 85% success rate for the local house for those who complete their program. Their Christmas Gala fundraiser will be held in early December.

4. APPROVAL OF August 1, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Dave Sloggie, seconded by Virginia Munoz, was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

Drew Trivette-Williamsburg Assistant City Manager-was appointed to serve through 6/30/2020 and Sgt. Kelly Waddell-Poquoson Police Dept.-was appointed to serve Craig Farinholt's unexpired term through November 30, 2017. Craig retired from the Poquoson Police Department at some point after our last Justice Board meeting. Byron Adkins was reappointed to serve through September 30, 2019. The Chair welcomed Mr. Trivette to the Board.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Juvenile Justice Committee Report: Juvenile Justice Committee Chair Mike Scheitle reported:

Several of our jurisdictions have made outreach efforts to youth in their communities to include:

- James City held their second of two 2016 COPS Camps for kids with 20 campers from 8/22-26. They donated materials and labor to the “Erase The Need” Center at W-JCC Schools.
 - All jurisdictions in the Colonial Region held National Night Out Against Crime events in mid-August and seemed to have very good turnouts and community support.
 - York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office SRO’s have begun using a Twitter account in an effort to better connect with their students.
 - Several of our departments were in the neighborhoods for Trick or Treat hours and posted photos on their social media accounts providing positive public relations at a critical time.
- The topic of the next public safety video will be dating violence/abuse and will define abuse so that youth can understand that even though there may not be physical violence (initially), abuse should not be accepted and often leads to violence.
 - In October, the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs presentation was provided to around 30 members of Saint Stephen’s Church (Wmbg.). The group included middle and high school youth. It is expected that W-JCC and Poquoson High School P.E. classes will have the classes again this year for each semester. New Kent High School will again host the class at their “Live Smart” program in the spring. Charles City High School *may* host the class again this year. Requests to present in York High Schools have been unsuccessful. It was suggested that offers to present be extended to area Junior Women’s Clubs, Junior Leagues, and home-school groups.
 - Efforts to lobby Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) to reduce the fare charged for students with a school ID have failed and they actually doubled the cost to \$1/trip.

(b) **Special Projects Report - CIT:** Special Projects/CIT Chair David Coe Reported:

Two weeks ago, the regional CIT program graduated an additional 25 local law enforcement personnel from the 40-hour CIT course. Between 225-230 total have been trained since Colonial CIT began its work. John Kuplinski noted a significant drop in commitments for more minor offenses since the program began and wondered whether areas without active CIT and/or assessment centers would be similar. Jack noted that Phil Palandro, a veteran law enforcement officer and a long-time security management professional working with healthcare systems was hired to replace Amber Frye as Security Supervisor for the Colonial CITAC.

(c) **Re-Entry Committee:** Committee Chair-Jenny Pauls reported:

- The grant that was sought by VPRJ, in collaboration with CBH, for additional diversionary services was not approved.
- Plans for funding of the Re-Entry Guest House beyond July 2017 is moving forward and it appears that support is present to continue the program. An additional Guest graduated from the program in September and another Guest took that bed almost immediately. Due to an extension of a sentence, one bed remains open but an interview is planned for the 7th.
- Production of the Introduction to Re-Entry at the VPRJ is ongoing. The video is planned to play multiple times per day in the VPRJ pods to educate the inmates about re-entry and how to access our programs. An additional benefit of the video will be that those serving very short periods of time at VPRJ may be able to request contact with the Re-Entry Coordinator in hopes of gaining assistance in having their needs met.
- The DMV Connect program has provided Virginia Identification cards to **174 inmates** to date. The next visit is scheduled for the middle of November.
- Williamsburg Walks The Talk was grateful for the Certificate of Appreciation. Two W-Y Daily articles followed the award and may encourage others to volunteer.
- Maj. Houette, with VPRJ, has a copy of the Re-Entry Questionnaire—a needs assessment document. He will determine whether it can be incorporated into Classification (at inmate arrival) so that the Re-Entry Coordinator will have earlier notice of those with special needs.
- Child Development Resources—a Re-Entry partner—received a substantial grant to expand their Fatherhood Program which targets inmates to prepare them for reunification with their children. They held an open house in October.
- The Coordinator has begun offering a monthly informal class to educate inmates about re-entry and the program available to them which will help facilitate the transition.
- The COFM Winter Shelter program begins on the 13th at Saint Bede. Their schedule is available on their site (cofm.info).
- Consideration may continue for the Williamsburg Area Transport Authority (WATA) to expand services from Tam-o-Shanter Blvd. to VPRJ/Merrimac Center a couple of times each day.

(d) **Finance Committee:** CCC Director Hal Diggs reported that some FY 17 state funds have been rescinded for CCC and that he is unsure what the total impact of the state fund reduction will be. He is concerned about FY 19 as well. He reiterated that the Commonwealth recommends that a probation officer should have an active caseload of 60 but that CCC continues to supervise an average of 138.5 clients per officer and that he would appreciate each Justice Board member's support when funding is requested from the jurisdictions in the next few months.

Hal hopes to convene a Finance Committee Meeting in the next few months.

Some discussion followed on inmates who are held because they cannot afford their bond.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

No separate report.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Brad Rinehimer, Jimmy Burrell, and Byron Adkins volunteered to comprise the Nominating Committee for the February Justice Board meeting when the positions of Chair and Vice Chair will need to be filled.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Chief Dave Sloggie was thanked for his many years of service to the Justice Board and members were encouraged to share cake in his honor.

The next meeting will be held Monday, **February 6, 2017**, in Poquoson.

With no further business, Chair Kuplinski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Byron Adkins made the motion and Brad Rinehimer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

***Note: Although present at this meeting, Judge Colleen Killilea abstained from participating in any Board votes or deliberations.*